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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDA
FROM: Dave Gries *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: Congressional Visits

1. In my 7 March memorandum (copy attached) to your predecessor I recommended that our senior officers meet occasionally with selected Members as a means of strengthening our relationships with Congress. You can decide whether the contact should be a breakfast, lunch or a visit to the Member's office. In any event, your recent appointment as Deputy Director for Administration is a natural entree to meet with them.

2. On the Senate side, you might consider calling on Paul Tribble (R., VA). He is a Member of Foreign Relations, one of the key Committees we do business with. In addition, he has been active in promoting legislation favorable to federal employees, such as S. Res. 304 which is aimed at preserving the three-year recovery rule for federal retirees. He is also a key supporter of the new building. Another possibility is Senator Albert Gore, Jr. (D., TN) who is ranking minority member of the Senate Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Civil Service, Post Office and General Services. This subcommittee, chaired by Senator Stevens (R., AK) is handling the supplemental retirement bill and has jurisdiction over all important federal employee pay and retirement issues. Should the Senate change hands in the 1986 elections, Senator Gore could become the chairman.

3. In the House, Representative Gene Taylor (R., MO) is the ranking minority member on the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, which handles all federal personnel legislation in the House. While the DDCI and the Director of Personnel met with the chairman of the Committee Representative William Ford (D., MI) in December 1985 on the

supplemental retirement bill, we have not called on Representative Taylor. It will undoubtedly prove beneficial to establish a more personal relationship with him. Another House Member of interest is Representative Ike Skelton (D., MO) who is a member of the Armed Services Committee. As you may know, the Director is considering increasing contacts with the elements of the Armed Services Committees which deal with budget matters. Representative Skelton is a member of the Subcommittees on Military Personnel and Compensation and Procurement and Military Nuclear Systems. He has been a staunch supporter of the Agency for several years. You might also want to consider a visit to Representative Frank Wolf (R., VA.) because he is "our" Congressman and because of his support for the new building and federal employees. Another possibility along the same line is Representative Steny Hoyer (D., MD.) who is a member of the Appropriations Committee.

4. Please let me know which Members you want to visit and we will make the appointments. We will also provide you with additional background information on them.

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